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Dear Roy:

I'm so sorry it's taken me so long to answer your good letter. I'm inundated with paper and meetings and hearings and hassles of one sort or another. It seems wondrous and amazing to me that the day has come when we, who were on the outside, now have a chance to try to affect policy from the inside. While there is some resistance, some honestly held belief that our human rights initiatives are wrong, I am constantly amazed at the number of people who have been on the inside all along working for the same things that we have worked for and waiting for an opportunity to work under the Administration which holds the same values. It's always going to be extremely difficult work; we don't win on every issue, but I do think we are making some progress and that there is just reason for feeling pretty good about it.

I wish that I did have some staff position to offer you. I know the commitment and intensity that you bring to this kind of work, and I believe that it would be very valuable for the government to have you on the inside. I hope you won't mind if I send a copy of your letter to the Legal Office in the State Department. I don't have any idea about openings there, but I would like them to know, when they do have one, that there's a person like you who might be available.

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I loved your letter because I liked hearing about all the things you've been doing. You're such a good man.

Sincerely,

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and Humanitarian Affairs

P.S.: If you're interested in coming to Washington, whether you work for the government or not, I'd strongly suggest that you make the rounds on the Hill. I think that many Members of Congress are really looking for people with your ability.

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